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Six Inuit from Nunavik will receive their CCQ journeyman or companion cards as Heavy Equipment Operators

Kuujjuaq, Québec – December 20th 2006 – The Kativik Regional Government and the Sanajiit project, within the Employment, Training, Income Security Childcare services department, are proud to announce that 6 Inuit from Nunavik have passed the CCQ competency exam, and will therefore receive their CCQ 'journeyman' or 'companion' cards as Heavy Equipment Operators.

Out of ten who took the exam on December 6th 2006, six passed the exam successfully; David Emudluk, Ikiarialik Nappaluk, Tiivi Alaku, Daniel Snowball, Tommy Putugu and Mathew Niviaxie. This is a major accomplishment since on average, only 50% will pass the exam.

"Congratulations to the people who passed their exams, this shows that Inuit can achieve their goals if they work hard for it and to those who did not pass, don't give up, there will be other occasions where these types of exams will be given." Maggie Emudluk, Chairperson of the Kativik Regional Government.

This major accomplishment would not have been possible without the help and devotion from everyone involved in this project, including the Sanajiit coordinators, Interpreters, CCQ supervisors, administrators and examiners, the heavy equipment operators and their families.

The Kativik Regional Government (KRG) is a non-ethnic public organization created in 1978, under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement, whose jurisdiction covers nearly the entire territory of Quebec north of the 55th parallel. The KRG administers the affairs of Nunavik in the areas of municipal affairs, transportation, environment, police, employment, manpower training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use management, civil security and economic development.

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